

they are noticed. Encourage them to bring their parents.

The nursery of the church is the Sunday-school, and we as Christian Endeavors, have a great work to do in strengthening her influences, enlarging her borders and making the work effective. We should show by our conduct that we have the cause at heart and that we are its active supporters and well-wishers.

Meyersdale, Pa.

## The Mission Field.

### MISSIONARY READING CIRCLE.

#### COURSE OF READING.

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These are the books for the first year's reading, and as indicated above, can be had in paper cover for the small sum of 87 cents. The books, together with other literature, such as circulars giving full particulars how and why to organize and read, description of books, etc., can be had by addressing Rev. C. F. Yoder, Warsaw, Ind. Circles should be organized in every congregation.

### OUR COUNTRY.

Extracts from one of the books in the Missionary Circle course.

#### WESTERN SUPREMACY.

"I never felt as if I were out of doors before" exclaimed a New Englander as he stepped off the cars west of the Mississippi for the first time.

Of twenty-two states and territories west of the Mississippi only 3 are as small as all New England.

If Texas were as crowded as England this one state would contain 129,000,000 souls.

For every acre east of the Mississippi, we have two and one half west of it.

Driven from the plains east of Rocky Mountains the "Great American Desert" has become a fugitive and a vagabond from the earth.

The West has 1,830,000 sq. miles of arable land as against 800,000 in the East or more than twice as much.

Since the pre-historic times populations have moved steadily westward, as De Tocueville said, "As if driven by the mighty hand of God," and following their migrations, the course of empire, which Bishop Berkeley sang, has westward taken its way. The world's sceptre passed from Persia to Greece, from Greece to Rome, from Rome to Great Britain and from Great Britain the sceptre is to-day departing. It is passing on to "Greater Britain," to our mighty West: beyond is the Orient. Like the star in the East which guided the three kings with their treasures

westward until at length it stood over where the young child lay, so the star of empire, rising in the East, has ever beckoned the wealth and the power of the nations westward until to-day it stands still over the cradle of the young empire of the West to which the nations are bringing their offerings. The West is to-day an infant but shall one day be a giant, in each of whose limbs shall unite the strength of many nations.

Farther chapters of the book present the perils which threaten this mighty, tho tender infant.

In our own struggle for existence we are apt to forget the larger problems which affect us not only as individuals, but as a nation.

It will well pay anyone to devote a few leisure moments each week in reading the M. R. C. course. Send your name to the secretary.

C. F. YODER.

Warsaw, Ind.

### MORE OF INDIA.

India with its unconverted masses presents one of the most important, difficult, and at the same time one of the most hopeful spheres of mission work, says Dr. Carrows, who has just returned from a lecture tour of the Orient, where he has witnessed as direct results of practical Hindooism, the grossest idolatries, hideous superstitions and fearful diabolisms.

From our point of view, it is not easy to conceive of the hardships endured by the brave missionaries, who, at the present time are bending every energy to the relief of the victims of the famine, which has been raging for months and at present shows no signs of abatement. Those who are in a position to know, declare that no end to the suffering can be expected before December.

It is not possible to arrive at accurate figures in regard to the death rate, although Julian Hawthorne, who has been especially detailed to seriously investigate the condition in India, says that three millions have already perished from starvation and the bubonic plague, which with other diseases, is the direct result of the famine. It is estimated that one hundred and fifty millions are seriously affected, making this the worst famine since the beginning of time and differing from all others in the fact that it affects almost the entire empire.

The details of the pestilence, as described by those on the field, are ghastly and horrible. The missionaries on their daily rounds of relief, endure hunger and exposure, often living on two meals a day that more may be given the suffering.

The relief committees meet with every

kind of evasion and opposition. Their object is to relieve the sick, remove the dead, destroy clothing and provide disinfection. These efforts are met with the most stubborn opposition on the part of the natives who persist in concealing both the sick and dead by every conceivable craft. It is readily seen that the undertaking to check the plague is a stupendous one, with this difficulty to encounter.

Photographs from life, which appear in many of the leading papers and magazines show veritable living skeletons. From reliable sources comes the assurance that these pictures are not in the least overdrawn. Many villages have been wiped out of existence.

True, there are hospitals, but not sufficient means and workers to care for all who are in distress.

A relief fund has been raised, forwarded from time to time by the Christian Herald and with a recent addition this fund has reached the sum of one hundred thousand dollars.

Pleas are constantly coming for aid and certainly our Christian nation cannot know of these horrors and remain untouched.

Whatever the condition, whatever the circumstances, the great misery of these benighted millions evolves upon us a social problem we cannot overlook. Comparatively little has yet been done, and the share left to be performed by public charity is almost illimitable.

Thus it is left for the churches and Christian people to respond to these calls. Would it not be well for the Brethren church to contribute her mite for this worthy cause, remembering that every dollar sent to India saves a human life.

### M. B. O. NOTES.

Dear Fellow Readers:—We are very sorry that these notes were not furnished as regularly as promised. Our work having been very heavy for the past several years, we felt the necessity of rest and so we "flew" away from our study for several weeks.

We are now back and feel much better and shall attempt to give you some notes, suggestive and explanatory each week.

Of course you have completed the small work on Armenia, but I herewith send an outline of the book made for me by brother Marcus Witter. It is well made and should you so choose it will be a help to you in reviewing the book again. Remember the Armenian problem is not yet solved. It is yet a problem. It is one now confronting the western as well as the eastern world, and you will need to keep yourself posted upon the past, present and future developments of the problem. We